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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

B. Chen et al.

Serial No.: 08/704,445

Filing Date: August 26, 1996

For: METHOD OF PREVENTING
DEPLETION OF NON-AUTOLOGOUS
HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS AND
ANIMAL MODEL SYSTEMS FOR USE
THEREOF

Examiner: S. Ziska

Group Art Unit: 1633

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 1997 for which a response is due on December 30, 1997. Enclosed is a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time to extend the due date for this response from December 30, 1997 to March 30, 1998. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks submitted herein.